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REMARKS

Claim 1 to 31 are pending in this application. Claims 1 to 23 have been allowed. Claims 24 to 31 have been rejected.

In response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment applicants have now started the Remarks on a new page. In order to avoid any possible confusion with regard to the listing of claims, applicants now begin page 2 with: "This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application." Finally, applicants clarified the amendment to claim 29, by underlining "1".

At the middle of page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claim 29 under 35 USC 112 second paragraph. The claim fails to provide the number of the claim on which it depends. In response applicants have amended the claim to indicate that it depends on claim 1. Support for this amendment is found in the detailed description, for example bridging pages 34 and 35.

Beginning at the bottom of page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claim 24 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. The Examiner asserts that the instant specification does not adequately describe the leukotriene receptor antagonist, leukotriene biosynthesis inhibitor or M2/M3 antagonist which might be combined with the instantly claimed invention. While applicants respectfully traverse, they have nonetheless canceled claim 24 in order to advance the prosecution of this application. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the canceled subject matter in a continuing or divisional application.

At the middle of page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects method of treatment Claims 25-31 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph for failing to comply with the enablement. The Examiner relies, at least in part, on the assertion that:

The presence or absence of working examples: Many examples of assays that could rest for the activity being claimed are described by the instant specification. However, no assays have been performed. The specification only describes what could be done and what the activity could treat or prevent.

Applicants respectfully traverse and direct the Examiner's attention to the results summarized at page 38, line 25 and 26; and page 39, lines 31 and 32. In addition, applicants hereby submit references discussing various utilities for PDE 4 inhibitors. Applicants have also added an additional method of treatment claim in order to advance the prosecution of this application.

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Having addressed the outstanding rejections, applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and passage thereto is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if such would advance the prosecution of this application.

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